





# MORAL MEN WITHOUT A RELIGION

**AND RELIGIOUS MEN WITHOUT  
MORALS, SAYS DR. CUTHER**

BERT N. BATTLE

(From New Haven (Conn.) Union)

"A man is not a better Christian because he has many ways to pass his time in the pitfall where the trap is set. He gets caught, and many a man becomes a tramp in life in the net of man's ways to pass his time in the pitfall where the trap is set."

He is the Rev. Charles Cuthell, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in a address to the students of

"Lives you will meet the what help is religion to a his life. You will find that the world is full of men and of men of religious em-

who are not moral. Both are in existence, and I find a few as a small percentage of the world are not moral men, and a percentage of men

are blind, and a percentage of men

in the world have gone into a simple without a feeling skin to be, because the secret of idol

is that God is always a right

to see God, and to seek

him so brings one into relationship

with God that moral qualities are strengthened."

Comment.—The above was sent me, from New Haven, Conn., for publication with my editorial opinion.

It is a most precious and common Infidel contention and yet it comes from one among the very highest of Christian authorities in the United States.

We are continually saying that there are moral Infidels and immoral Christians and vice versa, and we accuse the Infidels that they are the cause of criminals are sound Infidels and preachers; plain villains who seduce or rape women and murder the innocent to their ends.

Things are continual report in the newspapers, but it is equally true that the papers never publish such stories as the Infidels do. Infidel reports show Christians to be

and never show Infidels to be

a never dare to inimicite

be hanged by law, to penitentiaries.

Infidels, commit few

in any citizens we have

in the face of the

Christianity is

these facts, that Christians and Infidels

are continually coming to the

Christian preacher says that both

and moral and immoral Christians

are the same.

The Christians say, am

heaven to hell according to

they believe or disbelieve certain

dogmas and tenets, but there is not

a church in America that has the

temerity to appeal to the civil au-

thorities for an exemption tax

on these grounds.

They claim that the civil au-

thorities have no right to tax

them because Christianity is

not a religion.

They claim that the civil au-

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them because the Infidels lack

an "essential" of religion.

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GOES TO PRESS AND IS EQUALLY THE PROPERTY OF CHARLES C. MOORE AND JAMES E. HUGHES.

WILL BE ISSUED ABOUT THE 1ST OF AUGUST.

"Dog Fennel," as its name is being abbreviated, has gone to the printer. Mr. James E. Hughes, and who probably is not ready to be all in a sweat about it, the first of August.

I have arranged with Mr. Hughes, just as I would with any other publisher, to have the paper issued in the names of Charles C. Moore and James E. Hughes and Mr. Hughes is to bear all the expense. Its publication will be a definite, allowing me to lay it on each copy sold.

It is hoped that friends of the Bladethat the editor and publisher will do more to increase the circulation of the book than if only one of us was interested in it.

It is considerably larger than I originally anticipated, and \$1 is really not as much as the book will be worth, but I have started at that low price, and will stick to it, but I do hope that we will get all the more readers for the low price.

Please see if you cannot get us at least 1000 subscribers before the book is ready.

## WHY I AM AN ATHEIST.

The main reason is because common sense will not allow me to be anything else. Other reasons come from reading, thinking and looking back at foolish things we have seen in the way of religion.

I was born a Presbyterian and if I had been so much as to be born a Methodist, I suppose I would be crawling the floors of hell even to this day.

Well, as fast as we kids learned to talk, we were put through that miserable old catchup and compelled to say a little silly prayer before we could get anything else. I was born a Methodist, and came into the neighborhood and took possession of our school-houses and started a regular hell-fire-behind-the-backs of the people below. That all denominations except the Method-

devout could get their books on them, and a majority of the people joined in the school, and the parents being in the gang; and then we had to have family worship night and morning; but while the school performance was going on, I would go and sit at the front row, thinking about my stomach than about my soul. (I am sorry you all know the feelings of a hungry kid.) But the scared would gradually wear off and they would get down to simply asking a blessing in the time, and sometimes that scared would come again, and had some hay down and saw a storm coming up and was afraid God was concocting a scheme to spoil his day. In this way the school would be closed, wear off by the time the crops were gathered and the spring chickens were nice and fat, when Mr. Skiff Pilot would come around again and bring them in and they would all want to be born again. Now if any person with common sense will take the trouble to read our old history, and select the farthest star that he can see and imagine himself on that star, and while there look ahead (his mind) to the most distant time, he will see that the world will keep going on for countless ages and he no nearer done than when he began it will certainly conclude that there were not one out of ten thousand in a day and a half old Jew who must have made himself out of nothing else; a God, or call him what you please, (he is just as odious) who put in a good part of his time in the world, and watching some dirty little sparrows, or monkeying with a Jew girl and then causing the mightiest nations to be born, and the world that Christians may drink their blood to their fellow man. I think that any person who swallows such stuff must have a head so bad that he can't see that there is no room for anything else. I think this sufficient reason for any Atheism.

JOHN RHOADS.

Franklin, Pa.

KIDDER TELLS WHY HE IS AN ATHEIST.

San Francisco, Cal., June 10, 1902.

My Brother:

Formerly, the church burnt. Now, she boycotts. Her cruelty is regulated by her strength. She refers to what she can't do. Women in prison must use it. Nothing is easier than justifying her vices. Sophistry is the solace of self. Of what man is God? He neither profits nor loses. He is not the author of any anomalies. The fact is, he was created by rascals to be supported by fools. When he ceases to pay and scarce, the evaporation of old age gives the better he is because there is less of him. Preachers touch up his photograph to fit the times. Yet the limbers just as solid limbers are. That's what I mean by "burnt out." He's getting mighty thin. Today, noboby believes in a personal God, but the world does. Why? Socialists aren't pious beasts! Fear is the pale daughter of ignorance and the mother of terror. The

more ignorance, the more fear. The less the fear, the less the faith. The rest is done away. The Christian reminds me of a dog I once owned. He was trepidation personified. I have nothing before nor since encountered so much apprehension. He would run from anything in sight. Danger acted on him like a tonic. And when solitude seemed to guarantee his personal safety, he would run up and down to stimulate his energies. I attribute his nervous prostration to his association with old school Presbyterians. I've never seen a man make such a change to meet mental infamy. The personal triangular God has expanded into a "principle" useful in cussing. He is run out of shot of the world and has not been known to do any good to me or to any of my daddy. Preachers are saying less of miracles. Soon God will die in the body to live in me. In short, our ideals will be within reach and it won't be blasphemous to me. That's why I am an Atheist.

M. GRIER KIDDER.

MORE FREE BOOKS.

R. R. D. S., Park, Ky., June 2, 203.

Editor Blue Grass Blade:

I wish to state through the columns of the Blade that I have a number of Thomas Paine's Age of Reason and also Fox's History of the Slave, which have been sent to me for free distribution, and I will gladly send them to any one desiring copies who will write and send to me. I will also send him his pedigree from no daddy to no known daddy.

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W. SOMERS, N. Y., June 14, 1902.

Dear Brother Moore:

I take my pen to you off a line to you on this blessed Sabbath day. Have just read the address of Bro. Dr. Pohl and Bro. Jesse C. Bell, and they made me feel like killing myself.

I begin to see the stupid loathing "we" in cusses are pid.

Only wait until we meet God's big crowd into the "heaven" institution, and we will be with a start—a good big jump and will realize where we are for the rest of old John C. in the aforesaid M. S. A. hell can't pray him out with a crowbar.

This is as striking a hole as Cath-

olic ever made, yet I have at least

five that I can count to read the

Blade, at least, if I can get it.

I say read it because, many

times they will profess an interest in

or to please you or to get rid of you.

I am not a rich leather, by any

means, but to get a few copies in cir-

ulation here as in the side of the

of the infernal Jesus, I would gladly

send them to you for free distribution,

and to get them to you for free.

It is the "Blight of Supersti-

tion" of the world, and I have for

humiliatingly ever since reading

it. How any one can be so stupid

as to think up and write

such a piece and put it before the

public to be read is more than I can

imagine. It seems to me a person

who writes such a front

as this must be sunk to the lowest

depths of moral degradation. What

distinguishes us from the world

is our capacity for improvement

and moral improvement are the

highest and purest aim to which

we aspire. As far as I can see

the world is not fit to be

ruined by me for some time.

I've been thinking for sometime

and appear to have something on his

mind: he does not appear to be hap-

py.

O. L.—Oh, that is the Holy Ghost

He has acted very strangely for some

time. We all noticed a sudden change

over him just after that little affair with that old woman.

KING HORN-JONES.

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